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Recycling is supposed to be one way all Philadelphians can pitch in toward saving our planet. But nationwide, the industry is in upheaval, driven by strict new standards in China, formerly the biggest recipient of U.S. recyclables, leading to skyrocketing recycling costs. Philadelphia's municipal operation recently changed contracts and now incinerates roughly half of its recyclables — some say converting it into energy, while others say polluting the air. With some citizens muttering that saving the money isn't worth it, Metro asks, whither Philadelphia's sustainability goals? Read more inside and on **metrophilly.us.**

BROWN SUES SHOWTIME, BBC OVER WHITNEY DOC

1 Whitney Houston's former husband Bobby Brown and the estate of their daughter Bobbi Kristina have sued Showtime Networks and the BBC over alleged unauthorized footage used in a 2017 documentary about the late singer, "Whitney: Can I Be Me." According to a complaint filed on Wednesday with the U.S. District Court in Manhattan, Brown, the R&B singer formerly of New Edition, and Bobbi Kristina's estate never consented to the airing of footage used in the documentary. The plaintiffs said the material is approximately 15 years old, predating Brown's 2007 divorce from Houston and her 2012 death, and its unauthorized use has harmed Brown, his business and Bobbi Kristina's estate. "Every person should have the right to control how their identity or likeness or personality, or voice, name or image is commercialized by others," the complaint said. "Whitney: Can I Be Me" premiered in August 2017 on Showtime, a unit of CBS Corp., and the BBC has aired it in the United Kingdom. It draws on interviews with Houston's friends and people who knew her, as well as archival footage.

TRUMP TELLS MUELLER NO KNOWLEDGE OF MEETING

2 President Donald Trump told the special counsel investigating possible collusion between his campaign and Russia that he was not aware ahead of time of a meeting in June 2016 between campaign officials and Russians, Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani said on Wednesday. Trump's response, in written answers to questions posed by Special Counsel Robert Mueller, was first reported by CNN. "Almost all the answers he gave are consistent with what he said publicly, and publicly he said he did not know about it," Giuliani said. Trump's oldest son, Donald Trump Jr., has said he agreed to the meeting after being promised damaging information on Hillary Clinton, Trump's Democratic opponent in the 2016 election. Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and senior campaign aide Paul Manafort also took part in the June 9, 2016, meeting. A spokesman for Mueller declined to comment. Trump, who has repeatedly denied any collusion between his campaign and Moscow, has said publicly he had no prior knowledge of the June 2016 meeting.

PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY ATTEND NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

3 President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump attend the National Christmas Tree lighting ceremony held by the National Park Service at the Ellipse near the White House on Wednesday. This is the 96th annual tree-lighting ceremony.

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NORWAY'S CARLSEN WORLD CHESS CHAMP

4 Norwegian Magnus Carlsen won the world chess championship for a fourth time on Wednesday after winning three tiebreakers against U.S. rival and world No. 2 Fabiano Caruana. The 27-year-old defending champion, who collected a winner's prize of 550,000 euros ($626,065), and his bespectacled opponent had drawn 12 out of 12 classical games through November. That stalemate forced the pair into the faster-paced, best-of-four rapid tiebreakers. "Frankly speaking, in the last couple of years my game hasn't been great," Carlsen told a news conference. "In that sense, this match and the classical portion was a step in the right direction. I think I played relatively well and Fabiano is just a very strong player ... I feel like I have things to work on, clearly." The failure of Caruana, 26, to defeat Carlsen means the United States has not won the chess title since the enigmatic and volatile Bobby Fischer beat Russia's Boris Spassky at the height of the Cold War in 1972. Caruana will still collect 450,000 euros for his efforts at The College, a Victorian-era building in London's Holborn.

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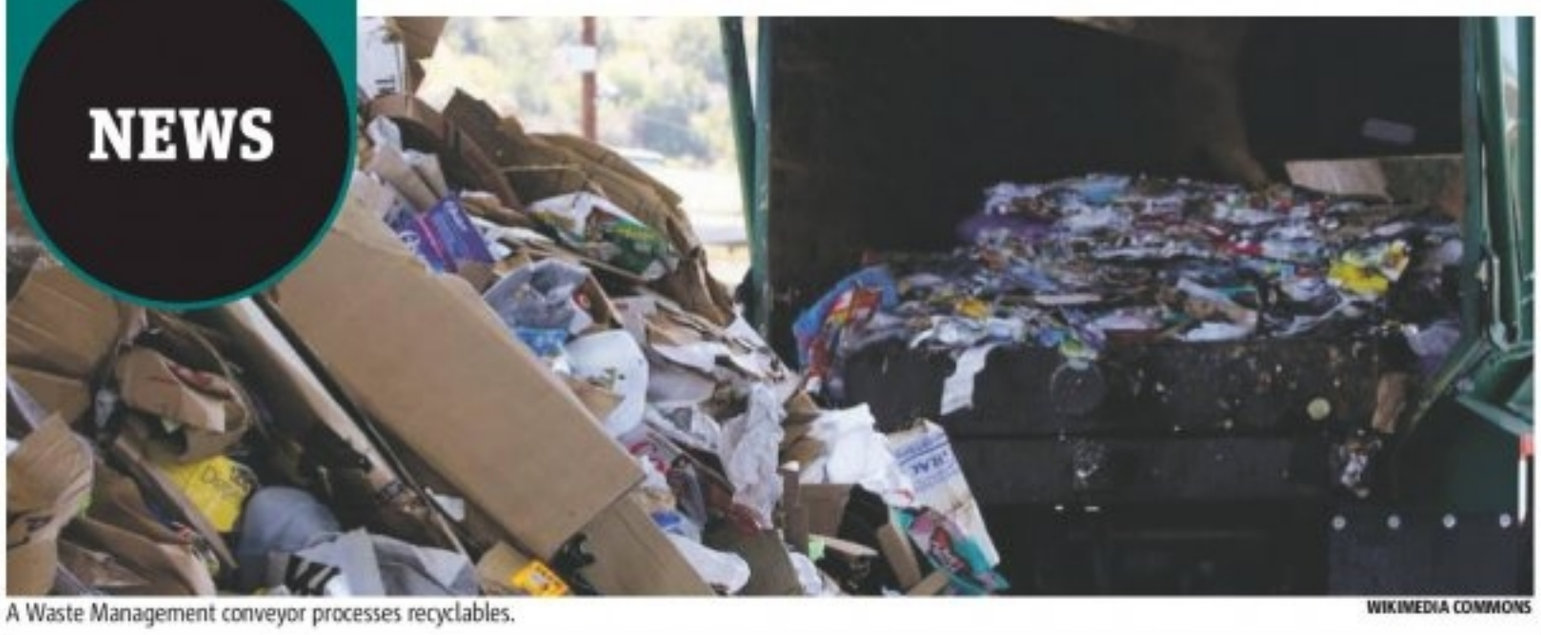

A Waste Management conveyor processes recyclables.

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Rising costs push Philly recycling to back burner — literally

The city is currently incinerating half its recyclables after new policies in China sent recycling costs skyrocketing nationwide.

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Once a week, Philadelphians set out their trash and recyclables, and the trash-collecting heroes of Philadelphia's Streets Department drive up, take the stuff and make it disappear. But behind the scenes, big changes are afoot — and just because you put stuff in a blue bin doesn't mean it really gets recycled.

As of October, about half of Philadelphia's recyclables have been getting incinerated — a result of skyrocketing costs nationwide caused by stringent new policies on scrap imports in China, formerly the top destination for American recyclables.

"It's not an ideal solution, but the way we see it, it's much better than landfilling it," said Scott McGrath, environmental planning director for the Philadelphia Streets Department.

Philadelphia's recyclable waste totaled about 784,635 tons in 2015, out of 7.78 million tons statewide. But in the past year, the city's price per ton for recyclables rose from $4 to $40 a ton, McGrath said. When Streets sought to renew their recycling contract with Republic Services, the new price was a whopping $170 a ton. So they took on a contract with Waste Management (WM) to pay $80 a ton.

The market fluctuations stem from China's July 2017 announcement to the World Trade Organization that it no longer would accept "yang laji" — foreign garbage. As of Jan. 1, China has banned imports of 24 categories of recyclable materials and waste; in March, their "contamination threshold" for acceptable scrap imports was increased from 0.5 percent to 3 percent.

"There is no recycling plant in the entire United States that can meet that standard," McGrath explained of the contamination threshold rule. "We went from a very large percentage of paper products and many of the other materials going to China to now, nothing is going there. So the market is having to restructure itself not only in terms of pricing, but also the flow of materials."

WM can only take on half of Philadelphia's recyclables, so the other half is being burned in incinerators operated by Covana in Chester City and Plymouth Meeting.

Covana calls its incinerators "waste-to-energy facilities," but Mike Ewall, founder and director of the local Energy Justice Network, called that term "unscientific horses—."

"I'm pretty appalled by the fact the city is letting half the recyclables be burned," Newall said. He asserted that any energy collected through incineration pales in comparison to the air pollution, emissions and ash created during the process.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection said Covana's incinerators

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are in compliance with permitted emissions standards. And Covana spokesman James Regan said the company does reclaim energy from incineration — roughly 550 kilowatt-hours per ton of trash incinerated — as well as all ferrous and non-ferrous metals in the incinerated loads.

"There are many municipalities in similar positions as Philadelphia, given the lack of markets for these materials," Regan said via email. "The city approached us and asked us to process unsaleable contaminated recyclables on a temporary basis given our energy and metals recovery capabilities as they work through the crisis in the recycling markets. We strongly believe that source-separated material should be recycled, and look forward to seeing re-established recycling programs in the coming months."

A bigger problem is that without China, there isn't much of a market for recycled materials domestically. A ton of aluminum still nets $1,600, high-density plastics or polyethylenes are worth $600 a ton, regular plastic bottles $300 a ton, and steel cans $50 a ton. But those items represent just seven percent of what is recycled in Philadelphia, McGrath said — with the rest made up of cardboard, which after recycling, has a value of $30 a ton, and mixed paper and glass, which have negative value and cost money to recycle.

Furthermore, McGrath said a lot of citizens toss things that can't be recycled into those blue bins — whether that's recyclables full of food waste, unrecyclable items like plastic bags, or more unusual items like bowling balls — all of which makes the process more costly.

McGrath said Streets is seeking new, long-term contracts so Philadelphia can begin to really recycle again. But some citizens are already organizing to ensure that change happens. Real Recycling Philadelphia (RRP), a recently-created coalition, has been campaigning online to drum up support for ensuring that recyclables are reused, not burnt, and so far have already gotten letters of support from Pa. State Rep. Stephen Kinsey and State Sen. John Sabatina.

"Our position is that the city's never embraced a comprehensive system of recycling, with widespread public education and real metrics. That needs to change."
Michael Brady, RRP organizer

"Our position is that the city's never embraced a comprehensive system of recycling, with widespread public education and real metrics. That needs to change," RRP organizer Michael Brady said via email. "We understand the market dynamics of recycling have changed, but believe it's something that's still important to our city and we should commit to doing it right."

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Migrants, part of a caravan of thousands from Central America trying to reach the United States, shower in front of the border wall. ALL REUTERS IMAGES

Worsening hygiene, overcrowding sparks health fears at Mexico's migrant caravan

Many say they've come too far to turn back now.

Thousands of Central American migrants are digging in for the long haul at a filthy, overcrowded sports complex in sight of the United States, while a small number have opted to return home after clashes with border forces dimmed hopes of crossing.

The bedraggled men, women and children of a caravan of mostly Hondurans began cramming into the complex in Tijuana about three weeks ago. They now number more than 6,000 in a space the city government first prepared for a third as many.

As the reality sinks in that those seeking asylum in the United States will likely have to remain in the Mexican border city for months, 350 people have asked authorities to help them travel home.

Jose Luis Tepeu, 22, from Guatemala, was sleeping on cardboard boxes on the ground. He said he would only wait five more days to see if help would come to take him to the United States, or even Canada.

"If they don't come, I'll return to my home," he said, saying that salaries in Mexico were too low for him to stay and send money home to help his family. "You don't earn well here."

To seek asylum, migrants must first sign onto a waiting list to see U.S. border officials. The list already had a weeks-long backlog before the caravan came. Adding to uncertainty are U.S.-Mexico talks aimed at keeping migrants in Mexico longer.

On Sunday, U.S. border guards fired tear gas canisters at a smaller group, including women and children, that rushed the border.

The violence seems to have shocked some, and dozens more asked to be sent home voluntarily on Monday, said Rodolfo Olimpo, a migration official in Tijuana.

The overcrowding has also helped illness

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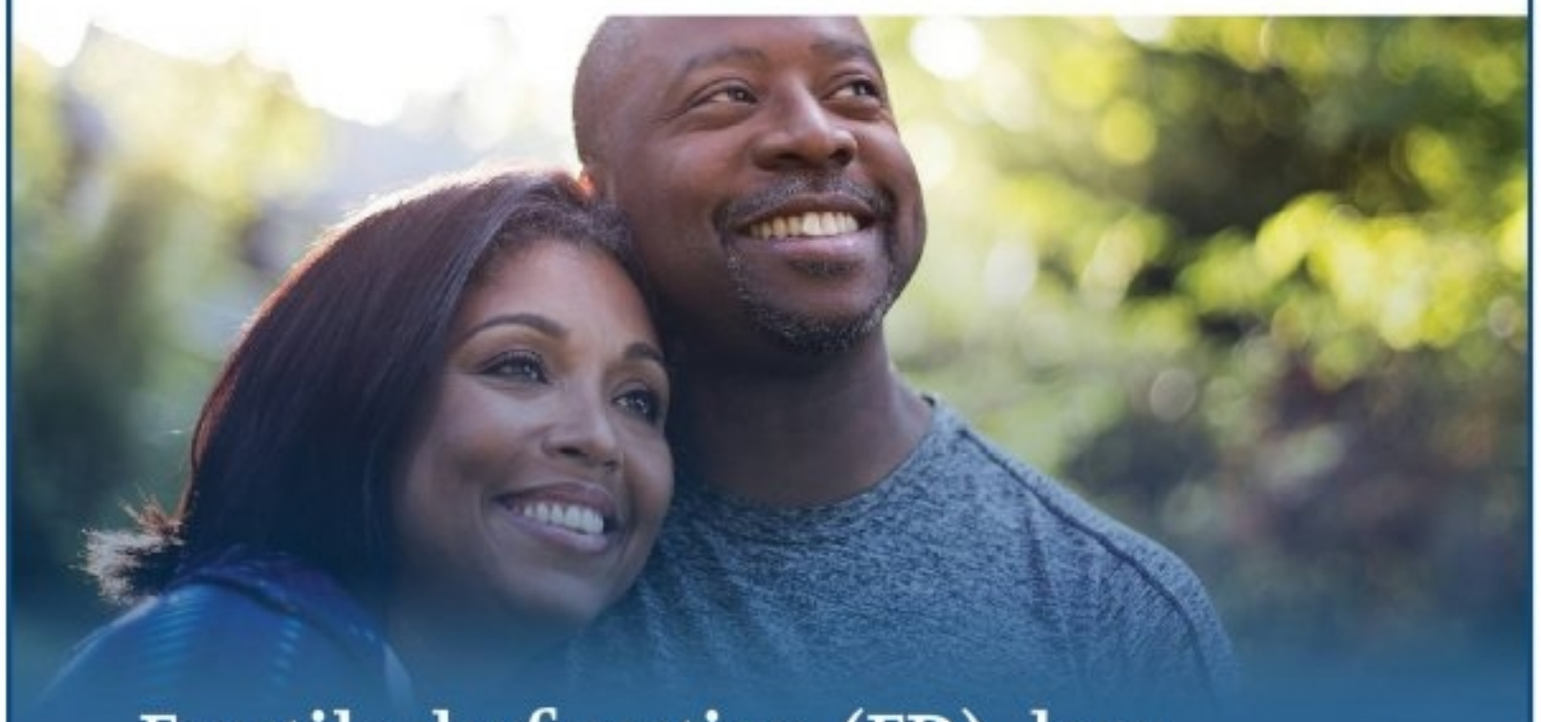

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spread. There have been multiple cases of respiratory illnesses, lice and chicken pox, according to three city officials who declined to be named because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

With too many to fit into shelters, the migrants, who had traveled about 3,000 miles since mid-October, were ushered into the complex to wait until U.S. and Mexican authorities settled on how to deal with them.

Many have been living in tents, while others are in shelters made from trash bags or patches of cold floor walled off with backpacks and blankets, enduring the harsh elements and lack of privacy as they had learned to do on each leg of their near-daily 30-mile treks from northern Honduras.

"It cost me a lot to walk almost 15 to 20 hours a day, and to go back now, no."

Anabell Pineda

But despite the difficult conditions, many seemed determined to wait in Mexico for their chance to make their case to the United States, with more than 600 applying for permits to work in Mexico just on Tuesday, according to the foreign ministry.

"It cost me a lot to walk almost 15 to 20 hours a day, and to go back now, no," said Anabell Pineda, 26, who has pitched a tent in the stadium beside a neat pile of bags and rolled-up blankets.

Pineda, who had traveled for almost a month from the violent Honduran city of San Pedro Sula with her six-year-old son, said she arrived in Tijuana 13 days earlier, feeling unwell.

When she learned it would be nearly impossible to cross to the United States quickly under current U.S. policies, she resolved to be patient, and get a Mexican work permit meanwhile.

At the complex, men washed using buckets in a shower area beside reeking portable toilets and giant mud puddles. Women, wary of uninvited gazes, bathed with clothes on.

Sniffing through a blocked nose, Katherin Arita, a 17-year-old Honduran, said she has been losing weight since leaving her homeland a month and a half ago. She expected she would have to wait up to four months to try to enter the United States.

"It's dangerous what I'm doing, it's dangerous," she said.

Inside a gymnasium where the caravan's first arrivals had set up neat rows of thin mattresses, a city official said there had been a chicken pox outbreak.

President Donald Trump threatened this week to "permanently" close the U.S.-Mexican border if Mexico does not deport the Central Americans gathered in Tijuana.

Mexican Foreign Minister Luis Videgaray, who leaves office this weekend, said in response that Central American migrants were welcome to stay in Mexico.

But he said the migrants have a right to request U.S. asylum, and Mexico has repeatedly refused U.S. requests to force them to seek refuge in Mexico instead.

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Trump says Manafort pardon 'not off the table'

Trump called his former campaign chair a "very good person."

President Donald Trump said on Wednesday he has not ruled out granting a pardon to his former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, who has pleaded guilty to a range of federal charges from money laundering to unregistered lobbying.

"It was never discussed, but I wouldn't take it off the table. Why would I take it off the table?" the president told the New York Post during an Oval Office interview.

Prosecutors for the special counsel investigating Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election said in a court filing on Monday that Manafort had lied to them, breaching a plea agreement.

"Manafort committed federal crimes by lying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Special Counsel's Office on a variety of subject matters," Special Counsel Robert Mueller said in the filing. The filing did not give details but promised more as part of a presentencing report.

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Robert Mueller, special counsel

Manafort said in the same filing that he disagreed with the special counsel's assertion that he had lied, but both sides agreed the court should move ahead and sentence him for his crimes.

Without a pardon, the 69-year-old Manafort could spend the rest of his life in prison, experts said.

The breakdown in the plea deal means that Manafort will almost certainly be hit with a harsher sentence — both for the crimes he pleaded guilty to in Washington and for his conviction in August in a separate case in Virginia on bank and tax fraud.

Manafort was likely facing about 10 years in prison for the eight guilty counts in the Virginia case alone, sentencing experts have said.

But the development also raised speculation that Manafort may be seeking to curry favor with Trump or protecting other associates who worked on the campaign.

Trump has been vocal in his support for Manafort, lauding him as a "very good person" during the Virginia trial.

The president sharply criticized the Mueller probe in his interview with the New York Post, charging that Manafort, his former political adviser Roger Stone, and Stone's associate Jerome Corsi were all asked to lie by the special counsel's office. Trump said the three were "actually very brave."

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Citing racial bias, Jay-Z seeks to halt arbitration of a trademark dispute against Iconix

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Jay-Z on Wednesday sued to halt his private arbitration with clothing company Iconix Brand Group Inc, saying the company's inability to find an African-American arbitrator to hear the trademark dispute was unfair.

The multimillionaire rapper said in a petition filed in Manhattan Supreme Court that the lack of racial diversity among arbitrators at the American Arbitration Association (AAA) was discriminatory under New York's state constitution and a New York City human rights law.

Iconix could not immediately be reached for comment, and a spokeswoman for the AAA declined to comment.

The dispute is the latest in a series of legal wranglings arising from Jay-Z's 2007 sale of his Rocawear clothing brand to Iconix for about $204 million. Iconix has since written off almost the entire value of the brand, and in 2017 sued Jay-Z in Manhattan federal court over trademark rights. That case remains pending.

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The dispute is the latest in a series of legal wranglings arising from Jay-Z's 2007 sale of his Rocawear clothing brand to Iconix for about $204 million.

In 2015, Jay-Z, whose real name is Shawn Carter, and Iconix settled some disputes, and agreed to address future claims in private arbitration, according to Jay-Z's petition.

Last month, Iconix accused Jay-Z of breaching the 2015 settlement and demanded an AAA arbitration.

But Jay-Z said the AAA found only three potential African-American arbitrators, out of the hundreds it uses, for his case, and one already represented Iconix in related litigation.

He argued that the lack of "more than a token number of African-Americans" made the arbitration contract void.

"It would stand to reason that prospective litigants — which undoubtedly include minority owned and operated businesses — expect there to be the possibility that the person who stands in the shoes of both judge and jury reflects the diverse population," the petition said.

Jay-Z, 48, is famous for songs including "Hard Knock Life," "99 Problems" and "Big Pimpin'."

"It would stand to reason that prospective litigants ... expect there to be the possibility that the person who stands in the shoes of both judge and jury reflects the diverse population."

According to the petition

The Brooklyn native has won 21 Grammy Awards, most recently in 2015 for Best R&B Song and Best R&B Performance for "Drunk in Love" with his wife, pop star Beyonce.

In May, a federal judge ordered him to respond to a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission subpoena related to the Rocawear sale.

The SEC said it was looking in to writedowns by Iconix, and wanted to ask Jay-Z about his personal involvement with the brand. REUTERS

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Jewish Americans sue Airbnb over West Bank listing ban

Palestinians hailed the move by the home rental company.

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A group of Jewish Americans sued Airbnb Inc. on Wednesday in U.S. federal court, accusing the home rental company of religious discrimination over its decision last week to remove listings for about 200 homes in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

The 18 plaintiffs, including Israeli-American families and individuals who said they own or wish to rent affected homes, accused Airbnb of "redlining" Jewish-owned properties while letting Muslims and Christians rent their homes.

They said this effectively left Airbnb taking sides in the dispute over the West Bank, where Palestinians hope to establish an independent state and which Israel captured in 1967, along with East Jerusalem.

"We don't believe this lawsuit will succeed in court, but we know that people will disagree with our decision and appreciate their perspective," Airbnb said in a statement.

The complaint was filed in federal court in Delaware, where Airbnb is incorporated, and which the plaintiffs said has jurisdiction over the San Francisco-based company's alleged violation of U.S. laws against housing discrimination.

"Airbnb has made a religion- and nationality-based decision about who can list," Robert Tolchin, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said in an interview. "It decided in the United States, 'We will not list for Jews in the West Bank.' It should be equal access for all."

The plaintiffs are seeking injunctive relief and unspecified damages, including for lost rental income.

A separate lawsuit challenging Airbnb's policy was filed in a Jerusalem court on Nov. 22.

The Delaware case differed by claiming that "Airbnb is violating Americans' rights, and this can't be argued in an Israeli court under Israeli law," Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, another lawyer for the plaintiffs, said in an interview.

Most world powers believe Israel's settlements on occupied Palestinian land violate international law.

Roughly 500,000 Israelis live in settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. REUTERS

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Pelosi takes big step toward reclaiming House speaker's job

Nancy Pelosi on Wednesday was nominated as expected by fellow Democrats to be speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, but her level of support may fall short of what she needs for a sure win in January's election for the top job in the chamber.

Pelosi, who made history as the first woman to hold the post when she was speaker from 2007 to 2011, won the Democratic nomination by a vote of 203-32, putting her in contention in the early January contest in which both Democrats and Republicans will vote.

She will need about 218 votes to claim the job as Democrats take control of the House in January after their gains in the Nov. 6 congressional elections. Pelosi is attempting the rare feat of securing the speaker's gavel for a non-consecutive term.

After the secret-ballot voting concluded, Pelosi said: "I'm proud to be the nominee of the House Democratic caucus once again for speaker of the House."

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Pelosi's top lieutenants, Reps. Steny Hoyer and James Clyburn, were chosen by their fellow Democrats to be House majority leader and majority whip respectively in 2019-2020. The full House does not vote on those appointments.

The small faction of Democrats opposing Pelosi, including a 78-year-old San Francisco liberal, has argued that the party needs new, younger leadership, but the anti-Pelosi group has failed to produce a rival candidate to challenge her.

Over the next few weeks, Pelosi will try to win over enough naysayers to nail down a victory in January. On Wednesday, she made progress when she secured the support of a small group of centrist Democrats belonging to the bipartisan "Problem Solvers Caucus" by agreeing to back reforms in how the House operates.

"We're in pretty good shape" for January, Pelosi said.

But at a meeting Pelosi held with other dissenters before her nomination, their concerns were "dismissed outright," Representative Kathleen Rice said in a statement afterward.

Rice told reporters that the members of the Democratic leadership team needed to provide a time frame for when they would retire — a move that could weaken their effectiveness while they serve as leaders. REUTERS

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"Much" would generally be used to refer to something that is quantifiable, as in, "I ate too much." That would be followed, as above, with a list, like mashed potatoes, turkey, two helpings of stuffing, salad and a piece of pie. However, a single activity could be fun, or so fun, or very fun, or extremely fun.

You could even say that a single activity was "so much fun," although any of them would be correct.

In Britain, they might even refer to something as being "such fun."

Perhaps a little more attention to the content of what is being said rather than the form would help Bernadette enjoy life a little more and allow her to stop sweating the small things. English, like most currently-spoken languages, is dynamic, alive, and ever-changing, and many of the grammatical rules we use now were introduced in the last 200 years simply to allow the "upper class" to feel superior. "I speak properly, therefore I am better." Churchill thought it was bunk 80 years ago, and bunk it remains.
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Leo Getting together with people who share your concerns, interests or skills will be enlightening. Get the lowdown, but don't let temptation lead to a needless cost.

Virgo Emotions will surface when dealing with domestic problems and time management. Listen to what others have to say, and consider the best way to satisfy everyone's needs. Be a solver.

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Sagittarius Problems while traveling or discussing personal matters will surface. Be aware of what you are up against, and leave plenty of time to assess and react to events with insight and compassion.

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Aquarius Look for ways to expand your income. A temporary or part-time job will lead to an interesting opportunity. Expand your interests and skills.

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LIFESTYLE

‘People will always want to dance’: David Guetta

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Metro had the opportunity to sit down and chat with producer, DJ and French musician David Guetta on the 28th floor of a Miami hotel with breathtaking views of the beach to talk about the future of electronic music and the release of his new album.

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The new record, titled “7,” shows Guetta’s ability to produce crossovers of dance music with different genres. It includes collaborations with music A-listers, such as Justin Beiber, Anne-Marie and Colombian J. Balvin. The award-winning 51-year-old producer from Paris is known for his collaborations with mega pop and hip-hop artists and this album does them justice.

This is your seventh studio album, hence the title “7.” Is there any other meaning behind the title?

The number seven is like a magic number for me. First of all, I was born on a 7th (Nov. 7). It is a feeling of being complete at this stage of my life; there are seven days in a week. It took seven days to create the world, and I like the idea of having a complete cycle.

The first part of the album is pop, and then there’s the Jack Back (electronic) part, which is more like going back to what I was doing when I started, that’s why I think it’s a complete cycle. That second part is more house music.

It’s a long album — 15 tracks with an array of stars, and as you well mentioned, 12 additional house tracks, with Jack Back. How long have you been working on this project?

The pop album, a year and a half and the other four months. It’s not necessarily easier [the electronic part], but it’s faster, because I do not depend on singers or composers, I’m just creating beats.

You have many collaborators, as you have done in the past with the likes of Sia and Nicki Minaj. Here you work with Jason Durelo, Justin Beiber and others. How hard is it to coordinate so many big stars’ agendas? Or do they hear the name “David Guetta” and run towards the opportunity?

It’s very difficult! Everyone is very busy, everyone has their ego, everyone has their own taste. So, no, it’s not that easy. It really is about music. No one is going to jump into the studio just because it’s me. They have to love the album and, of course, the more artists you have, the more complicated the process will be. It’s very complicated and it all gets really crazy!

Was that the most complicated part in completing this project?

Yes, probably. Because, as I was telling you, when I was doing the Jack Back album, I’m just creating beats. I do not depend on anyone. It’s not that it’s easier, but I do not have the pressure of having to make a successful album either. The only pressure is thinking “is a DJ going to play it?” and I’m a DJ, so I know what I want to play.

They say that music is a universal language. EDM (electronic dance music) has always been innovative, but in this project, for example, you collaborate with Colombian reggaeton artist, J. Balvin in two songs and he also participated in the composition process of them. How do you see this fusion with Latin urban music?

I think EDM has always been very popular in Latin America. I have been touring Latin America for many years and its always been amazing. And I think the approach is not so different. It’s just wanting to make people feel happy, feel sexy and celebrate. Reggaeton is dance music, it’s made to dance, you want to move your hips, that’s what it’s about... For me it’s not crazy to collaborate, it’s something natural.

I can imagine that the adrenaline of a live audience is unsurpassed, but how do you compare a live performance with being in the studio? What can your audience expect when they show up at one of your live concerts?

Actually, everything, for me, is connected. I mean, the whole world is different. I started as a DJ and then I became a producer, so for me, what motivates me most in the studio is that feeling that I cannot wait to play this record and see the reaction. So, I’m always imagining what it will be like when I play it live. So, it is very connected. What motivates me to work those long hours in the studio is to imagine myself on a stage dropping the album. Some people ask me “are you going to do this all your life, when you are 60 years old?” Maybe... it’s true that I could just be a producer, but it would be much less exciting.

How do you see the future of EDM in terms of its evolution as a musical genre?

I think people will always want to dance, and it’s more like ‘what makes them dance?’ So, you know, EDM is linked to a certain sound, but before EDM, there was house, techno and house music was very, very strong. It’s not about what it’s called. This is all dance music and that will never die. There was disco, there was funk, there was house. EDM or whatever you want to call it, and reggaeton, are also dance music.

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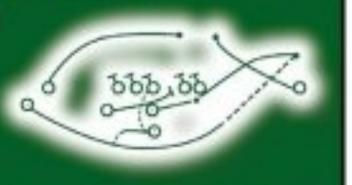

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Why 'Head Full of Honey' was an 'emotional experience' for Nick Nolte

The legendary actor opens up about his new flick.

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Nick Nolte had no idea that his young daughter Sophia had any ambition of becoming an actress. But when writer and director Til Schweiger accidentally bumped into 10-year-old Sophia at Nolte's Malibu home during his visit to discuss the legendary actor playing Alzheimer's sufferer Amadeus in an American adaptation of his German comedy-drama "Head Full of Honey," he instantly saw that she would be perfect as Tilda, Amadeus' granddaughter.

"When he knocked on the door, Sophie answered and said to him, 'You're Til Schweiger. I have seen your movie. Pretty good.' Then she walked away," Nolte recalls. "When he came back, he said, 'Who is that creature?' I said, 'That's my daughter.' He was like, 'Do you think she could play your granddaughter?'"

Four hours later, after persuading Sophia's mother, she was cast. But even though she has a three-time Academy Award nominee for a father, Nolte insists that Sophia never asked him for acting advice.

"A 10-year-old doesn't take advice," says Nolte. "You can give it, but they'll brush it off and won't accept it. Usually their instincts are better than yours. She was totally comfortable with it. Frankly, I think she is the best thing in the film."

While Nolte is extremely proud of Sophia's work in "Head Full of Honey," he is also beyond grateful for the intimate opportunity that the pair were given by working on the film together.

"I didn't really know she was ever interested in acting. Then it came out that she always had been. And she enjoyed it greatly. For me, I had an experience with my daughter that most people don't get an opportunity to have," says Nolte. "It created an intimacy. If you say 'I love you' to your daughter, she says, 'Come on, dad. You don't need to say that.' Or she doesn't want to hear you say that. But in the film I had to say that."

Nolte believes that their familial connection translated to the big screen, too, especially as Schweiger, who starred opposite his own daughter in the German version of "Head Full of Honey," knew exactly how to extract the required emotion from Sophia.

"The advantage was, I am her father, so that closeness was there," Nolte explains. "If Til was doing a close-up, he would have me go away and then talk her through the scene. He is so good working with children."

Sophia's performance is all the more impressive because of how heavy "Head Full of Honey" is, although Nolte is quick to insist that the film mixes "wickedly funny humor" with the "darker side" of how "dealing with a debilitating dementia disease impacts the whole family."

Nolte doesn't know if Sophia will continue with acting. For the time being, though, he can rightfully bask and reflect in the glory of both his and Sophia's work in "Head Full of Honey."

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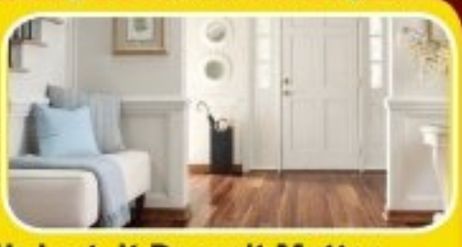

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Rockin' around the alleyway

The historic Elfreth Alley's Deck the Alley event is this weekend.

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Elfreth Alley, located in historic Old City Philadelphia, is one of the most preserved areas in the city. The alley dates back to 1720, and when you walk down the tucked away walkway between the Delaware River and Second Street you truly feel as though you have stepped back in time.

There are 32 Georgian and Federal residences standing as reminders of the early days in Philadelphia. Philadelphians will have the amazing opportunity to experience the remarkable alley on another level during their holiday event Deck the Alley.

Deck the Alley allows visitors to tour the private homes of residents living on Elfreth Alley. All of the gorgeous structures were built between the 1700s and 1800s making them truly authentic and one-of-a-kind. This unique opportunity is only offered twice a year, and all history-buffs, architecture enthusiasts and city-folk just looking for a good time are invited to explore.

The grand homes are not the only appeal during the Deck the Alley event. Santa Claus himself will be attending the event and will be around to chat with guests, take pictures and ho ho ho into the hearts of all Philadelphians. There will also be carolers to help sing-in the holiday spirit and authentic loom-weaving to entertain all visitors during the affair. Be sure to check out the Museum Store on the alley to make some holiday purchases and find one-of-a-kind items as well.

Tickets for Deck the Alley include admission to the Making Christmas pop-up exhibit. Making Christmas focuses on the history of Christmas in America from the 18th to the 19th century and delves into the story of how holiday traditions were transformed by the impact of German immigrants. Guests will experience the rich history through different sections of the exhibit including the Christmas trees, holiday treats, Santa Claus, and the impact of retail stores.

Tickets are required for the Deck the Alley event. Prices are $25 for adults and $10 for children. A $60 family bundle option is available as well. Limited tickets will be available the day of, purchasing them beforehand is recommended. All proceeds raised from this event support the work of the Elfreth's Alley Association and Museum.

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What to buy *(and skip)* in December

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By the time December arrives, the countdown to Christmas is on. But don't let the pressure stop you from planning ahead.

Before you set out on bargain hunting trips this month, consult our list of what to buy (and skip) in December to save yourself time and money.

Buy: Toys

If your son or daughter is asking for a flashy new toy or a cuddly stuffed animal this year, it's wise to buy in December; that's when toy discounts are likely to abound.

Expect great sales close to Dec. 25. And don't forget about Super Saturday; retailers traditionally offer loads of savings on the last Saturday before Christmas.

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Skip: Bedding

Cold weather may have you craving a new set of flannel sheets, but don't throw out your old linens yet. Historically, the best pricing on bedding and linens happens in January during retail "white sales." In the past, we've seen white sales at department stores and online.

For example, in January 2018, Joss & Main offered up to 60% off patterned and multicolored bedding picks. Pottery Barn shoppers could save 20% on bedding, towels and more. Overstock offered discounts of up to 70%.

Buy: Christmas decorations

The best discounts on holiday decorations will be after Christmas, when big-box chains and department stores drastically cut prices (sometimes by as much as 80%) on artificial trees, ornaments, wrapping paper, stockings and other seasonal staples.

But if you want to buy some last-minute Christmas necessities for this year, expect discounts to increase as the holiday nears. In the past, some Christmas closeout sales began on Dec. 24.

Skip: Jewelry

December might be one of the most popular months for marriage proposals, but it's not the best time to purchase an engagement ring.

In general, try not to buy jewelry close to holidays such as Christmas, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day. Better deals typically are available during off-season times, when retailers are more eager to discount their inventory. No matter when you buy, try to negotiate price.

Buy: Cookies

If you welcome any excuse to eat a cookie, how about getting one for free? Dec. 4 is National Cookie Day, and cookie shops will celebrate with sweet deals and freebies.

Last year, some stores offered free or discounted cookies to celebrate. Look for similar offers this year from your favorite grocery stores and dessert brands.

Skip: TVs

Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is the ultimate deal day on electronics, including television sets. If you missed the opportunity, you'll likely see additional TV deals in December.

But those who can hold out a bit longer will be rewarded with great prices leading up to the Super Bowl. Check for TV discounts in January and the first couple of days of February.

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Jessie James Decker teams with eBay for charity to get into the giving spirit

The singer and mother of three reveals her Toy Wish List and amazing giveaway to benefit the Save the Children Foundation

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Now that we are headed into the holiday season, eBay is partnering up with pop-singer and mother of three Jessie James Decker to get shoppers into the giving spirit as they shop for presents for their loved ones.

To get into the giving spirit, Decker has curated her very own eBay Toy Wish List with all of the proceeds of the sales on these items going towards the Save the Children Foundation. Starting today, and running through the end of the month, eBay shoppers can also bid in increments of $5, $15, $25, or $50 for the chance to win all of the items included on Decker's list.

We spoke with Decker to find out why giving is so important during this time of year and what kind of input her children had in coming up with her Toy List.

Tell us about this new partnership with eBay and Save the Children.

Why is it so important to donate to charity this Holiday season?

The thing that I love about it is they are able to connect with so many different charities. It's not just one in particular. So I feel like it gives you the option of what you are most passionate about and they're able to connect that for you or for individuals. I love it. But, obviously, I'm a mother of three and Save The Children just resonated with me more than anything.

GETTY IMAGES

How collaborative was the toy selection process for the list between you and your children?

I hear about toys because of my daughter. She's the one who informs me about what is cool and what's trendy. What's really funny is when I was kind of looking through the list with eBay, the toys that I was going to suggest to them were already on the list. My daughter who is four and a half was already on the same page with eBay! I was like "how do you know what's cool and what's trendy?" I don't even remember being four and remembering what was a cool and trendy toy, but she does. She was talking about Hatchables and LOL Dolls. I was like "what are these things?" They were on the eBay list so I was like "Well, I guess Vivi knows and so does eBay!"

Are there any toys your kids are excited about this holiday season?

I think probably the Hatchimals. She has been talking a lot about that. I still don't quite understand what they are, but I'm sure she'll explain them to me when she gets them for Christmas. My son, who is three, is obsessed with anything and everything Paw Patrol. He's been wearing this fireman's outfit so I put a Paw Patrol fire truck on the list for him. He'll be super excited because he doesn't have that yet and it will match his little outfit.

Do you have any plans for new music in the New Year?

I do! I am putting out an EP at the top of the year and I am going on tour starting in April. So, I'm really excited about that. Actually, through eBay, we're doing a little giveaway where two people can bid and come to my show and hang out with me backstage before I go on. Yeah, I'm really excited about music. I had a baby this year so it's been kind of hard to get on the road so next year I'm pretty much dedicating the whole year to music and getting back out there. I'm really excited to come back.

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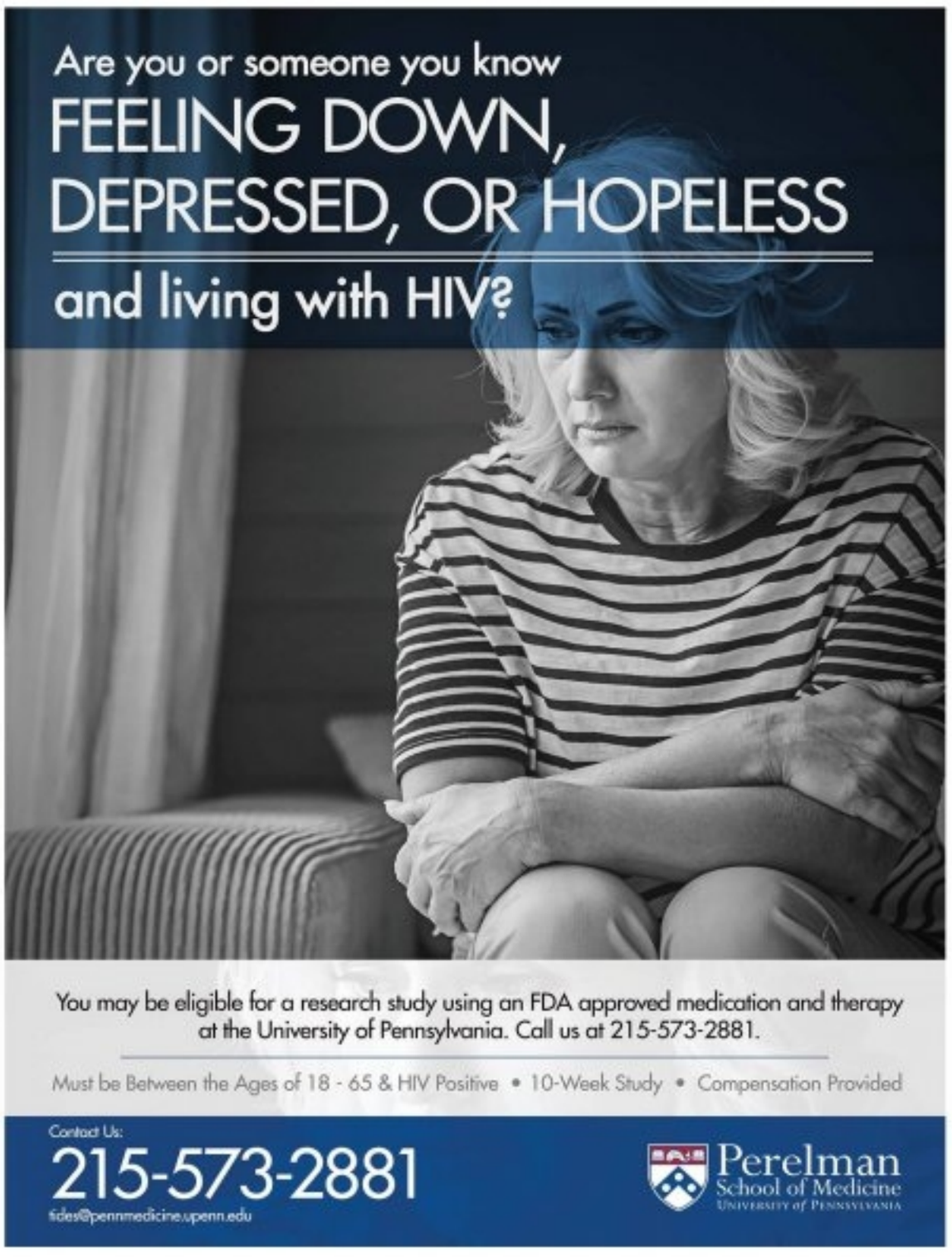
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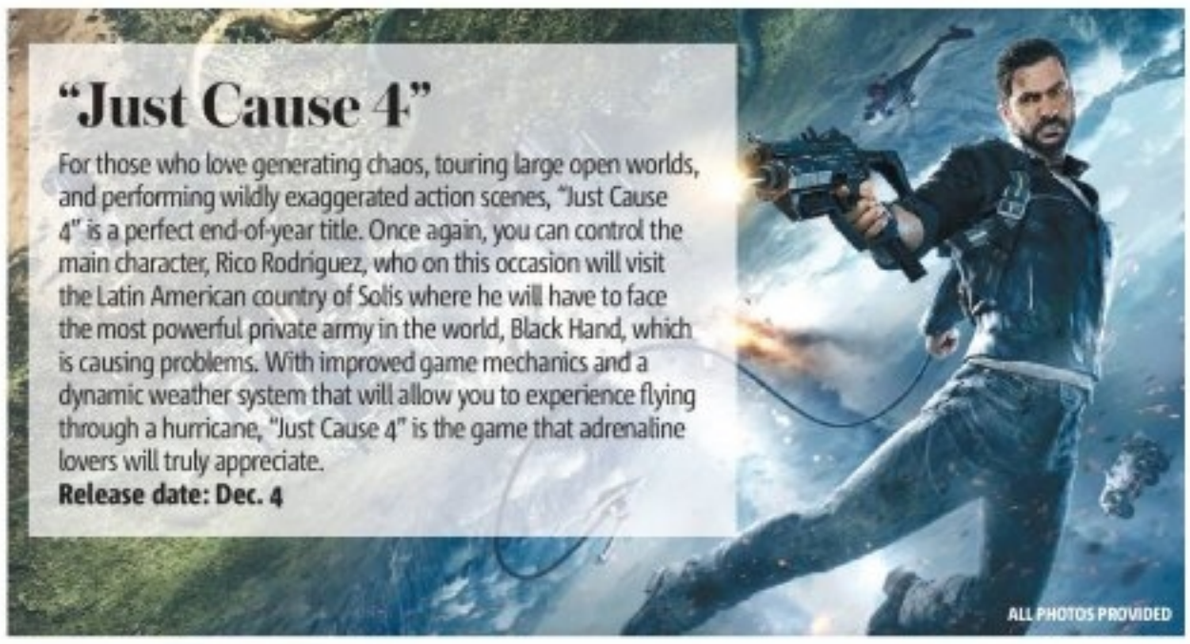
6 Most anticipated video games of the end of the year

Although there's only about a month left until the year ends, our consoles and laptops will not be running out of fun. After the Thanksgiving frenzy, the final stretch of 2018 comes with lots of titles that want to become part of your collection. **GABRIEL HUERTA | MWN**



"Just Cause 4"

For those who love generating chaos, touring large open worlds, and performing wildly exaggerated action scenes, "Just Cause 4" is a perfect end-of-year title. Once again, you can control the main character, Rico Rodriguez, who on this occasion will visit the Latin American country of Solis where he will have to face the most powerful private army in the world, Black Hand, which is causing problems. With improved game mechanics and a dynamic weather system that will allow you to experience flying through a hurricane, "Just Cause 4" is the game that adrenaline lovers will truly appreciate.
Release date: Dec. 4

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"Fallout 76"

Bethesda will make an amazing leap when it releases "Fallout 76" for Xbox One, PlayStation 4 and PC. One of the most striking changes that this title will have will be to turn an experience that during the year had been for a single player into a massive online world that will take us to the east of the United States in a post-apocalyptic adventure in the Appalachian Mountains. With different factions to choose from and a world full of possibilities, fans of this game series can enjoy multiplayer experience.
Release date: Now available

"Pokémon Let's Go Pikachu & Eevee"

Nintendo and The Pokémon Company released this adventure for Nintendo Switch. "Pokémon Let's Go Pikachu and Eevee" is a remake of the first Pokémon adventure but with truly impressive visual improvements. In addition, the title allows you to connect with what you have achieved on your cellphone with Pokémon Go, as well as transfer the creatures caught within the mobile title.
Release date: Now available

"Super Smash Bros. Ultimate"

The biggest battle in the Nintendo universe will finally hit Switch with "Super Smash Bros. Ultimate." With all the characters and scenarios that have appeared in different versions of this game since 1998, this definitive version will also feature other guest characters such as Simon Belmont from Castlevania and Metroid's Ridley. Thanks to Switch's portability, you can take the fight with you everywhere.
Release date: Dec. 7

"Darksiders III"

After six years in limbo following the closure and bankruptcy of THQ, the Darksiders series returns with a third installment. Here, players will control Fury, sister of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, who is on a quest to persecute and destroy the seven deadly sins. The game shows great improvements over its predecessors, with a highly-polished combat system and impressive apocalyptic worlds.
Release date: Now available

"Battlefield V"

World War II is back again with Battlefield V, under DICE and Electronic Arts. With graphic improvements, a new story mode and the promise of a Battle Royale mode within the next few months, one of the most important franchises of first-person shooters invites us to prepare for one of the most devastating conflicts in the history of humanity.
Release date: Now available

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The *best* ski destinations in New England

TripSavvy shares its favorite spots to hit the slopes.

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The cold and snowy weather may be a pain for travelers this holiday season, but it's a blessing for outdoor enthusiasts looking to hit the slopes as soon as possible. Ski resorts throughout the region are benefiting from the recent wave of snowfall and frigid temperatures, which means they can get a head start on opening their doors this year. Since the 2018-2019 ski season is already in full swing, it's time to explore the best ski resorts in New England so you can plan out your next mountain adventure. The popular travel site TripSavvy has shared its roundup of the Northeast's top ski destinations; not surprisingly, New England hot spots dominate the list.

Bretton Woods
Located in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, this fan-favorite spot is the largest ski area in the state, featuring 464 acres for skiing and snowboarding on 62 trails. In addition to its various ski offerings, Bretton Woods is also a great place to visit for a number of other winter activities, including zip-lining and dogsledding.
99 Ski Area Rd., Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, brettonwoods.com

Jiminy Peak
You don't have to leave the Bay State in order to have some winter fun. The Berkshires' own Jiminy Peak is a top destination for avid skiers and snowboarders. The Hancock hot spot is also home to a massive mountain coaster, the first of its kind in the U.S., as well as a "Soaring Eagle" zip ride.
37 Corey Rd., Hancock, jiminypeak.com

Killington
No list of the best ski resorts in New England would be complete without mentioning "The Beast of the East." The Vermont destination is a favorite among professional and amateur skiers, and is also home to the annual Killington Cup, which features some of the top athletes going head-to-head on the slopes each Thanksgiving weekend. "For groups of friends, we always recommend Killington," says TripSavvy general manager Molly Fergus. "'The Beast of the East' has 212 trails — the most on the East Coast — and one of the best aprés scenes in the region, including the legendary steakhouse and night-club combo, The Wobbly Barn."
4763 Killington Rd., Killington, Vermont, killington.com

Loon Mountain
Another beloved spot along New Hampshire's White Mountains, Loon is a great destination for the whole family. Stop by to hit the slopes or enjoy a day of snow tubing, zip lines and other family-friendly activities.
60 Loon Mountain Rd., Lincoln, New Hampshire, loonmtn.com

Stowe
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Sugarloaf
Located in Maine's Carrabassett Valley, Sugarloaf is the largest ski area this side of the Rockies and a perfect spot for more advanced skiers, according to the folks at TripSavvy. Sugarloaf also provides great views while you're out on the slopes, as it's the only place in the Northeast that has a lift with access to above-treeline skiing.
5092 Sugarloaf Access Rd., Carrabassett Valley, Maine, sugarloaf.com

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Phils interested in Bumgarner, Miller

The Phillies are reportedly going to spend big bucks this offseason, but will it come in the form of a free-agent signing or trade?

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Through the early stages of the offseason, it is abundantly clear that the Philadelphia Phillies will be making a full court press to acquire a starting pitcher and arms in the bullpen.

Earlier this month, it was reported by various outlets that they are interested in the likes of southpaw Patrick Corbin, Japanese star Yusei Kikuchi and hard-throwing closer Craig Kimbrel. However, you can now add two more names into the fray that Phillies fans should keep their eyes on going forward.

Jon Paul Morosi of MLB.com reported earlier this week that the San Francisco Giants are willing to engage with other teams to discuss a possible trade involving ace Madison Bumgarner. Among the teams interested in Bumgarner's services is none other than the Phillies, who had a preliminary dialogue with San Fran.

The MLB scribe also added in his report that the Atlanta Braves checked in with the Giants earlier this offseason about Bumgarner, but the talks really did not go anywhere. San Francisco recently hired Farhan Zaidi as their new president of baseball operations and it appears that he could move the star pitcher to replenish their farm system.

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According to Morosi, sources tell him that Zaidi is likely to ask for at least one high-end prospect in exchange for MadBum. If this is the case, then the Phillies are a perfect option for San Fran as they are loaded with top pitching prospects in the minors.

Two of the Phils' top pitching prospects highly coveted by other teams are 20-year-old Sixto Sanchez and 21-year-old Adonis Medina. During the MLB trade deadline back in July, the Phillies were not willing to part ways with Sanchez, who has top-tier stuff in his arsenal.

However, Philly was willing to give up Medina, whom they included in a potential package for Manny Machado. And then there is also right-handed pitcher Zach Elfin, who did a solid job this past season for the Phillies and could be a potential candidate in a Bumgarner trade.

Nevertheless, if the Phillies could somehow get Bumgarner, it would give them one of the best starting rotations in the National League. The 29-year-old ace has helped the Giants win three World Series (2010, 2012, 2014) and been named an All-Star four times over his 10-year career.

The 6-foot-4 starter has been hurt by injuries over the last two seasons, but still is one of the more dominating pitchers on the mound. In 21 starts last season, Bumgarner had a record of 6-7 to go along with an ERA of 3.26, plus 109 strikeouts in 129.2 innings pitched.

Along with Bumgarner, the Phillies are among numerous teams interested in reliever Andrew Miller per Morosi. Despite having a down year with the Cleveland Indians this past season due to a shoulder injury, Miller is still one of the top bullpen arms in the majors.

The 33-year-old reliever posted an ERA of under 2.00 in the previous two seasons with 218 strikeouts and a SO/9 average of 14.3.

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Report: Eagles only team to contact police about Reuben Foster's recent arrest

The Philadelphia Eagles did not claim former San Francisco 49ers linebacker Reuben Foster off waivers on Tuesday. Instead, their NFC East rival the Washington Redskins were awarded Foster.

However, unlike Washington, the Eagles were reportedly the only NFL team to reach out to the Tampa Bay police department about Foster's misdemeanor domestic battery arrest, according to A.J. Perez of USA Today Sports.

Foster was arrested Saturday night at the team's hotel in Tampa Bay, Fla., on suspicion of domestic battery and was immediately released by the Niners on Sunday.

According to the criminal affidavit from the Tampa Bay police, the alleged victim was the same woman who accused Foster of domestic violence earlier this year — accusations included "pushing her in the chest" and "slapping her with an opening hand" — and later renounced it.

This latest incident was Foster's third arrest in 2018, and the second accusation of domestic violence in the last 12 months. The former first-round pick was suspended for the first two games of this season for violating the league's policies on personal conduct and substance abuse.

Nevertheless, it does not come as a surprise that the Eagles did their due diligence on Foster. Before the 2017 NFL Draft, Philadelphia reportedly hosted the former Alabama Crimson Tide linebacker for a pre-draft visit but had concerns about his character issues.

Ultimately, the Eagles passed on Foster, who slid in the first round, and picked defensive end Derek Barnett with the No. 14 overall pick.

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Even though he is an amazing talent on the football field, Foster has a litany of off-the-field issues that overshadow his play.

In addition to being claimed by Washington, the 24-year-old linebacker was also placed on the commissioner's exempt list Tuesday as the league investigates this latest incident of domestic violence.

It is unclear if Foster will play or practice again this year. JOVAN ALFORD

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NFL Week 13 Power Rankings: Panthers, Steelers take a tumble, Saints keep pace

Metro ranks the top teams in the NFL ahead of the Week 13 slate of games.

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1. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (10-1) DEF. ATLANTA 31-17. LAST WEEK: 1

The Saints' 10th victory in a row completed a season sweep over the Falcons. This one was over a lot sooner than their earlier 43-37 win. Four players caught their first touchdowns of 2018 in this game for New Orleans, so maybe they're more focused on finding their sixth weapon in the passing game than they are their second or third.

2. LOS ANGELES RAMS (10-1) BYE. LAST WEEK: 2

Everyone needed a while to rest up after that Monday Night game, right? The Rams return to action against Detroit. Their toughest remaining matchup is a trip to Chicago, but the rest of the schedule — games against the Lions, Eagles, Cardinals, and 49ers — makes jumping ahead of the Saints for home-field advantage look possible — if New Orleans ever loses again.

3. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (9-2) BYE. LAST WEEK: 3

Kansas City leaves the bye with their own quest for home-field advantage. They have the first seed in the AFC at the moment, but an earlier loss to New England means staying ahead of the Patriots is a must. The first of two games against Oakland comes this weekend, but the tougher tasks are games against the Ravens, Chargers and Seahawks.

4. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (8-3) DEF. NY JETS 27-13. LAST WEEK: 5

The Patriots welcomed Rob Gronkowski back to the starting lineup early. The tight end grabbed his first touchdown reception since opening weekend on a 34-yard score that he ripped away from defenders to start the scoring for New England. It was Gronkowski's first action in almost a month as he battles injuries. Sony Michel reignited the Patriots' rushing attack, leading the way with 133 of the team's 215 yards on the ground.

5. HOUSTON TEXANS (8-3) DEF. TENNESSEE 34-17. LAST WEEK: 6

The Texans own the second-longest winning streak in the NFL after the Saints; it now reaches eight games. Lamar Miller had his best day of the season against Tennessee. His 162 yards rushing spearheaded 281 on the ground for Houston and included a 97-yard score. Miller previously had a 97-yard touchdown with Miami. He's the only player in NFL history with two rushing scores that long.

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City of Philadelphia Public Hearing Notice

The **Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities** of the Council of the City of Philadelphia will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, December 5, 2018,** at **1:00 PM,** in **Room 400, City Hall,** to hear testimony on the following items:

180972 An Ordinance authorizing the Water Commissioner, the Revenue Commissioner, and the Procurement Commissioner, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia ("City"), to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Philadelphia Municipal Authority ("Authority"), pursuant to which the City will assume certain obligations under a contract the Authority will enter into with Sensus USA Inc. ("Sensus") to provide, install, maintain and operate facilities and equipment for the automated collection and delivery of water usage data to the Revenue Department or other designated City department, all under certain terms and conditions.

181007 An Ordinance amending Bill No. 100163-AA, entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the City of Philadelphia to organize an authority to be known as The Philadelphia Energy Authority, pursuant to the terms of the 'Municipalities Authorities Act,' of 2001, June 19, P.L. 287, No. 22, as amended, under certain terms and conditions," to expand the responsibilities and powers of the Authority and authorizing an amendment to its Articles of Incorporation, all under certain terms and conditions.

Immediately following the public hearing, a meeting of the Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities, open to the public, will be held to consider the action to be taken on the above listed items.

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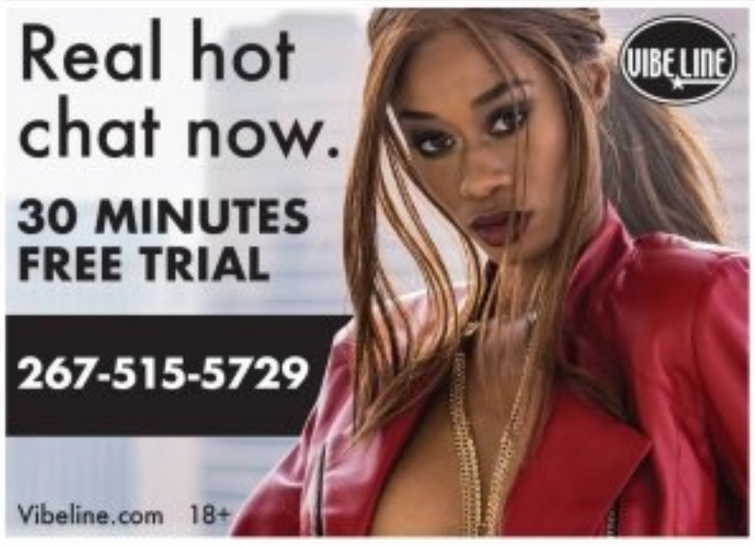

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20 Pauses
21 Part of a knife
22 __ than; besides
24 J. Edgar Hoover's agcy.
25 Bar
27 Give a sermon
30 Fess up
31 Sandwich maker's need
33 Know-__; ability
35 Hockey score
36 Compensate
37 Actress Delany
38 Isn't __ to; probably won't
39 Bursting at the __; too full
40 Generous one
41 Wobble
43 Ready for dinner
44 Stewart or Carew
45 Stupid
46 Toss
49 Skate smoothly
51 Spanish article
54 Not easily restrained
56 Student summons
57 Egg on
58 Spend foolishly
59 Catch sight of
60 __ away; leaves
61 Follows orders
62 Burro

DOWN

1 Apiece
2 Kid in the next desk
3 Firmament
4 __ together; connect securely
5 Detest
6 Thrown for a __; confused
7 Uses a straw
8 Forest animal
9 Aviator Earhart
10 Family member
11 Observed
12 "How __ you!"; cry of outrage
13 Jolt
18 Receded
20 Fired a gun
23 Work hard
24 Become unraveled
25 Heroic narrative
26 Embrace as one's own
27 Tiny veggies
28 Constant
29 "__ thy father and thy mother"
31 Yogi or Boo-Boo
32 Spinning stat
34 Cautious
36 Tall piece of marsh grass
37 Adams & Johnson
39 Stores away
40 Sand mound
42 Wears away
43 Trimmed shrubs
45 __ Moore; brand of canned beef stew
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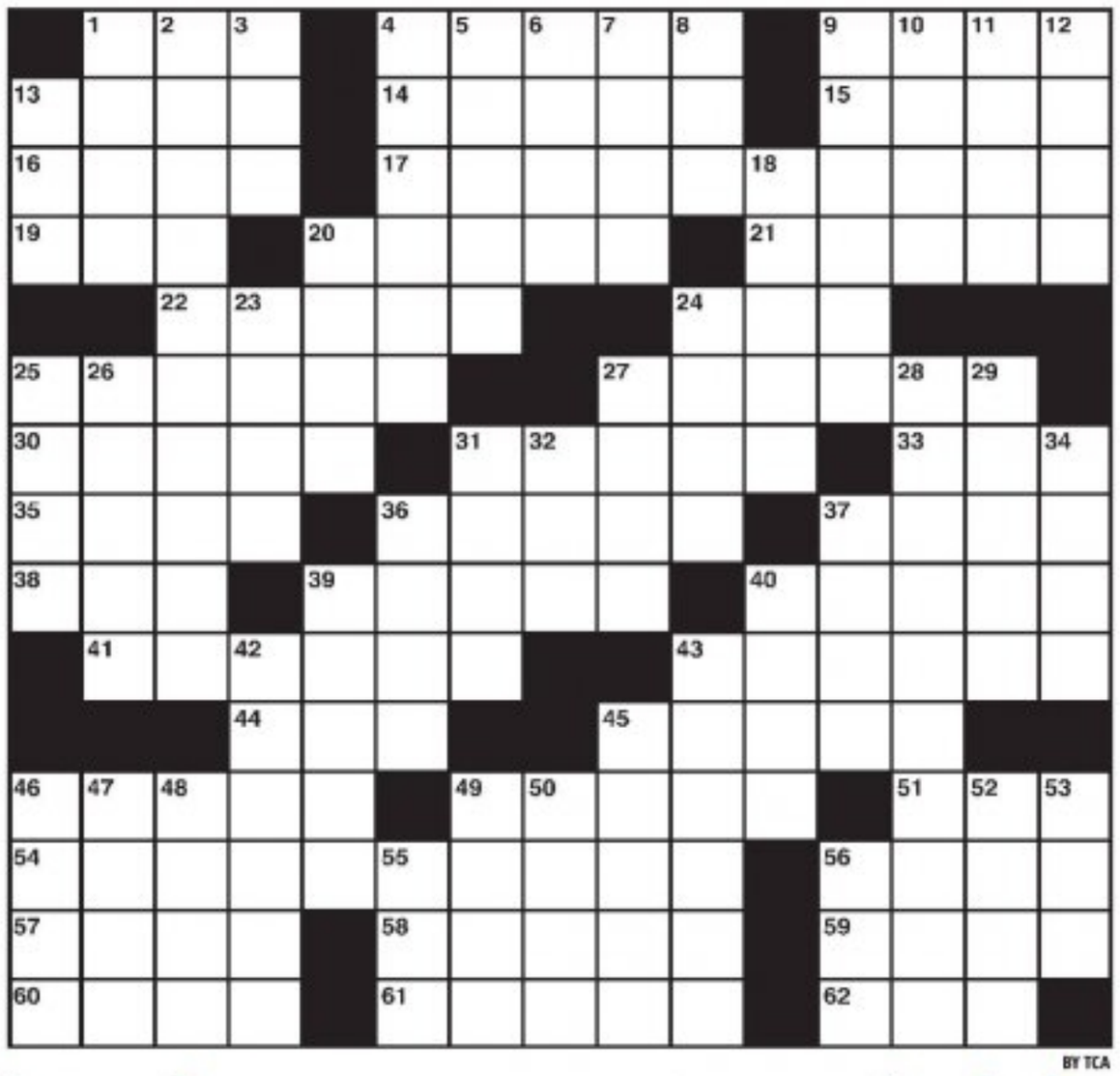

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